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TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE
DIEN BIEN PHU AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
2116N 10258E

#### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE IN THE AREA SOUTH OF DIEN BIEN PHU NEAR THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER.

#### 2. BACKGROUND:

A PROBABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CUT WAS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN THIS AREA IN APRIL 1966. THE CUT GENERALLY FOLLOWED THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 19 TO A TERMINUS AT THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER AT 2113N 10255E.

### 3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEAL

THAT THE PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED PROBABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CUT IS NOW A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE. THE LINE IS OBSERVED FROM 2116N 10300E (UTM TJ926537) TO THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 2115N 10256E (UTM TJ864520).

THE POLES HAVE A SINGLE CROSSARM WITH TWO SETS OF TWO INSULATORS, ALTHOUGH ONLY TWO WIRES ARE OBSERVED.

AN ENLARGEMENT OF ONE OF THE INSETS INCLUDED ON THE GRAPHIC

DEPICTS A TYPICAL POLE WITH A CROSSARM, TWO WIRES, AND FOUR INSULATORS.

(NOTE: THE CROSSARM SHOWN HAS THE APPEARANCE OF A DOUBLE CROSSARM DUE

TO AN INCORRECT INTERVOLOMETER SETTING IN THE CAMERA.)

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